

Easter egg decoration workshop 2010

Objectives:

- learn about eastern European Easter tradition
- explore new techniques of egg decorating : scratching, batik, dying with natural dyes, yarn decoration

Materials

- eggs, onion skins, scratching needles, batik pen, dried plants , rice, yarn, PVA glue

Techniques

- scratching
- dying with use of natural dyes
- yarn wrapping
- floral pattern making
- batik

Duration

60 min

Course of the workshop

Natalia's presentation :

Participants will learn how to decorate Easter eggs in Russian style using the most common traditional Russian technique. The process includes wrapping eggs with the grains, leaves, flowers or another natural components and boiling them together with the onion skins to make lovely patterns.



II Easter egg - leaf and barley pattern



II Easter egg - pine needle pattern

Schedule :

presentation of Russian Easter tradition and of a new technique – 10 min
wrapping with natural components – 10 min
boiling with onion skins – 10 min

Joanna's presentation :

Joanna will explore one of the most common egg decorating techniques in Poland - scratching .
Participants will scratch a design on an egg shell using a metal needle. The eggs will be previously dyed with onion skins.



III Easter egg - scratching

Schedule :

presentation of Russian Easter tradition and of a new technique – 10 min
scratching – 15 min

Depending on the time designed for the workshop Joanna can also present two different techniques :
batik and yarn wrapping. In this case the session would take 1.5 hour.

Batik

Pattern is made with a special pen adjusted to "write" with hot beeswax. Next, the eggs with the wax drawing are soaked for a while in an onion skins solution and then boiled few minutes. The wax melts and beautiful bright pattern appears. The shell which were not covered with wax is red.



IV Easter egg – batik 1



V Easter egg – batik 2

Yarn wrapping

Participants blow out egg's content in order to get an empty shell. The shells are next wrap with colorful yarn. The yarn shells hang in window constitute beautiful decoration for Easter.



VI Easter egg - yarn